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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121 and 1.125 (as amended to date) please enter the substitute specification in clean form and including paragraph numbers [0001] through [0036] and Abstract attached hereto as Appendix A. A marked-up substitute specification to clearly identify amendments to the specification as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3)(iii) is attached hereto as Appendix B. It is respectfully submitted that the substitute specification does not introduce new matter into the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-3, 12, 14, 15, 17, 21, 24, 25, 28, 29, 33-35, 37, 39, 40, 42-44, 47, 48, 50, and 54-58 have been amended herein. All of the pending claims 1 through 62 are presented, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(c)(1)(i) and 1.121(c)(3), in clean form in Appendix C attached hereto. Please enter these claims as amended. Also attached as Appendix D is a marked-up version of the claims amended herein pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Accompanying this Preliminary Amendment is a Letter to the Chief Draftsman submitting proposed revisions to FIG. 6B. Approval of the revised figure is respectfully requested. Also enclosed is a Transmittal of Formal Drawings with formal drawings revised as proposed.